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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**JEFFERSONVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF COCAINE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DWAYNE M. SHECKLES, 20, Jeffersonville, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis on six count of distribution of more than 5 grams of “crack” cocaine base, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Southern Indiana Drug Task Force and the Jeffersonville, Indiana Police Department.

SHECKLES was arrested on March 18, 2005, by law enforcement officers after an investigation revealed that SHECKLES was distributing “crack” cocaine base in the Jeffersonville, Indiana area.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SHECKLES faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000 for each count of distribution of more than

5 grams of “crack” cocaine. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in New Albany.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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